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## **CLAIMS**

- A laundry treatment composition which comprises a 1. surfactant and from 0.0001 to 0.02 wt% of a photostable 5 acid dye which has a substantivity to non-mercerised cotton in a standard test of at least 8% but has a substantitivity to nylon of less than 5%, wherein the standard test involves a solution of dye being prepared such that the solution has (i) an optical density of 1 (5 cm pathlength) at the maximum absorption of the dye 10 in the visible wavelengths, (ii) a sodium lauryl alkyl benzene sulphonate surfactant concentration of 0.3 g/l, (iii) inorganic non-surfactant salt concentration of 1.1 g/l, (iv) under wash conditions of a liquor to 15 cloth ratio of 45:1, temperature of 20°C, soak times of 45 minutes, and an agitation time of 10 minutes.
- A composition as claimed in any preceding claim, which is a laundry detergent composition, preferably a particulate laundry detergent composition.
  - 3. A composition as claimed in any preceding claim, which is a laundry fabric conditioner.
- 25 4. A composition as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the treatment composition has a pH of from 7 to 11.
- A composition as claimed in any preceding claim,
   wherein the surfactant is a non-soap surfactant.

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- 6. A composition as claimed in claim 5, wherein the surfactant is an anionic or cationic surfactant.
- 7. A composition as claimed in claim 6, wherein the

  5 surfactant is an anionic surfactant, preferably C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>15</sub>

  linear alkyl benzene sulphonate.
  - 8. A composition as claimed in any preceding claim, which comprises from 5 to 60 wt% of surfactant.

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- 9. A composition as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the dye has a peak absorption wavelength on cotton of from 550nm to 650nm, preferably from 570nm to 630nm.
- 15 10. A composition as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the dye comprises a combination of dyes which together have the visual effect on the human eye as a single dye having a peak absorption wavelength on cotton of from 540nm to 650nm, preferably from 570nm to 630nm.
  - 11. A composition as claimed in any preceding claim, which comprises from 0.0005 to 0.01 wt% of the dye, preferably from 0.001 to 0.01 wt%.

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- 12. A composition as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the dye is an azo dye.
- 13. A composition as claimed in any preceding claim,
  30 wherein the dye is selected from acid red 17, acid blue
  29, acid black 1 or mixtures thereof.

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14. A composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the dye is selected from the group comprising blue and violet acid dyes of structure

where at least one of X and Y must be an aromatic group, preferably both, the aromatic groups may be a substituted benzyl or napthyl group, which may be substituted with non water solubilising groups such as alkyl or alkyloxy or aryloxy groups, X and Y may not be substituted with water solubilising groups such as sulphonates or carboxylates, most preferred is where X is a nitro subsituted benzyl group and Y is a benzyl group.

15. A composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the dye is selected from the group comprising red acid dyes of structure

where B is a napthyl or benzyl group that may be substituted with non water solubilising groups such as

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alkyl or alkyloxy or aryloxy groups, B may not be substituted with water solubilising groups such as sulphonates or carboxylates.